Rodent Control	Network Unit Jodhpur (RAU)
Agricultural Ornithology	Kota

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) provides need based support to the State Agricultural Universities under Development and Catch up Grant for infrastructure development, purchase of farm and lab. equipments, renovation of buildings, construction of girls hostels, modernisation and for strengthening faculty competence.

During current plan, the Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner and the Maharana Pratap University of Agricultural Research and Technology, Udaipur were provided Rs 473.91 and 224.54 lakhs and Rs 220.59 and 210 lakh, respectively under Development and Catch up Grants.

Foot and mouth disease in A.P.

2077. DR.Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has sought an asssistance of Rs. 158 crore to eradicate foot and mouth disease of cattle; and

(b) if so, the amount released so far and by when the remaining amount would be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh submitted a proposal for Rs. 155.00 crores for implement-ing-the scheme, "Creation of Disease Free Zones" with emphasis of control-ling Foot and Mouth Disease.

(b) Since the Central Sector Scheme, Creation of Disease Free Zones was not approved for implementation during Ninth Plan, no funds could be released under this scheme. The State Govemment of Andhra Pradesh has been informed accordingly.

Livestock Development Agency Project in A.P.

2078. DR.Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centrally sponsored Andhra Pradesh Livestock Develop-ment Agency Project is in doldrums, with the Centre cutting the assured funds;

(b) if so, the reasons for not releasing Rs. 90 crore under Gopalamitra Scheme; and

(c) the action proposed to release the funds allocated, at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) No, Sir. There is no Centrally Sponsored Scheme in the name of either Andhra Pradesh Livestock Development Agency or Gopalamitra. However, Andhra Pradesh Livestock Development Agency (APLDA) is the nominated State Implementing Agency (SIA) in Andhra Pradesh for implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding (NPCBB)". A proposal of APLDA under NPCBB, which has a component of introduction of Gopalamitra will be considered in a meeting of the Expenditure Finance Committee in March, 2002.

Drought-relief works in Orissa and Rajasthan

2079. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 168, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st March, 2002 and state:

(a) the number of districts in Rajasthan and Orissa declared as drought affected during 2000- 2002;

(b) the amount of additional grant sought for each year by the State Governments to take up drought-relief work, State-wise; and

(c) the reasons for not sanctioning the sought amount in full to above mentioned States, to tackle the drought effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) 28 out of 30 districts in Orissa and 31 out of 32 districts in Rajasthan were declared by the State Governments as drought affected during 2000-01. Both the State Governments have not reported any drought situation during 2001-02.

(b) and (c) In addition to release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund, assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) of Rs. 49.62 crore (against Rs. 443.95 crore sought) to Orissa and Rs. 163.97 crore (against Rs. 2367.80 crore sought) to Rajasthan were released on the basis of approval by the High Level Committee of Ministers, taking into account the requirement projected by the State Governments and keeping in view the items and